MATCH PROGRAMME

BRISTOL ROVERS WOMEN'S FC

VS FOREST GREEN ROVERS FC

SUNDAY 18th SEPTEMBER / LOCKLEAZE SPORTS CENTRE / 2pm

INTRODUCING 'ROCKY'

We spoke to Katie Rawlings about her progress with the 'Gas Girls' since day one

BACK WITH A BANG!

The season kicks-off with a ten goal thriller, in front of a bumper crowd!

MEDIA EVENING

Sponsors and partners joined us for a special night at The Memorial Stadium

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WELCOME

Everyone at Bristol Rovers Women's FC would like to welcome all of the players, officials and staff from Forest Green Rovers to Lockleaze for this afternoon's match.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to offer our condolences to the Royal Family after the sad passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II, last week. Last Sunday's match away to Poole Town was postponed due to the news and before today's match, we will have a one minute silence for us all to pay our respects. The rescheduled date for the Poole Town match will be confirmed in due course.

We've now had a couple of weeks to settle down after the frantic opening fixture of the season against Royal Wootton Bassett. A truly bonkers game and a classic for any neutral. Far from a vintage 'Gas Girls' performance but also a realisation that the step up in the pyramid is noticeable. Exactly what we want to see!

What we also want to see, is an increase in our fan-base and an appetite to watch the 'Gas Girls'. We easily had over two-hundred spectators lining the viewing balcony at Lockleaze and even more fans on pitch-side. We had some fantastic feedback but we're always keen to push what we can offer our fans on a match-day, to make it more welcoming and in general a better experience. We are a team full of volunteers but we're always open to hearing more from our fans, so please get in touch with us.

Our Development Team also kicked-off their season a couple of weeks ago, picking up a 2-2 draw on the road to Bishops Cleeve. Probably a somewhat disappointing result after a Helena Costa brace put the girls in the lead, only to concede late on. But still, it's a point on a road and I think that the Gloucestershire League Division One is going to be very competitive this season.

We also hosted a very first 'Media Evening' at The Mem last week, which was a great opportunity for staff, players, sponsors and partners to get together. It was a brilliant success and I'm sure we'll make it bigger and better next year.

This week we also chat to Katie 'Rocky' Rawlings. A Bristol Rovers Community College graduate and now cementing her role within the first-team. We look back on her first three seasons with the 'Gas Girls'

MATCH REPORT

BRISTOL ROVERS 6-4 ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT

GAS GIRLS OFF THE MARK AFTER 10 GOAL THRILLER

!The ‘Gas Girls’ kick-started the new season with a 10-goal thriller against Royal Wootton Bassett in front of a massive crowd at Lockleaze Sports Centre.

Newly promoted Rovers had a rude awakening after conceding two goals in the opening 15 minutes. A start that may have had something to do with the pre-match nerves. But resilience and character powered through and within 15 minutes, the ‘Gas Girls’ stormed ahead to take the lead and make it 3-2. Goals from Georgia Vandries and a brace from Zoe Fielden-Stewart gave the ‘Gas Girls’ the advantage, which was short lived.

Moments after it was 3-3, then 4-3 to Rovers after a Laura Curnock header, then 4-4, and then 5-4 with a delicious volley by Vandries to put Rovers in front before the break. A well needed break for everyone!

The second half was a much calmer affair, with the ‘Gas Girls’ enjoying the vast majority of the possession and creating more chances to finish the game off. Vandries was on hand to complete her hat-trick on the hour mark and the game slowly petered out after a frantic opening 45minutes.

The whistle blew at 6-4 and the ‘Gas Girls’ took their first three points of season, aware that despite their prolific attributes going forward, work still needs to be done on the training ground. Forward Zoe Fielden-Stewart agrees, “This definitely wasn’t one of our better performances and I think the nerves got to us a bit, as we were playing in a new division, but we really showed some amazing character and team spirit to get the job done. The fans were amazing today and they really helped us over the line.”

Manager Nathan Hallett-Young added, "It's encouraging to see our character and determination to bounce back but it's certainly an example of how tougher this league will be, and that's what we want. We won't be underestimating anyone and we're already pushing ourselves more than before. The spectators were amazing today and the girls certainly appreciate the support that they get from our fans! We can't thank them enough!

MATCH #1

ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT (HOME)
04.09.2022

6	4

GOALS;
VANDRIES X3
FIELDEN-STEWART X2, CURNOCK

TEAM-SHEET
1 HUNT
2 DAVIES
3 WARREN
4 RAWLINGS
5 TOMS
6 HUBBLE
7 FIELDEN-STEWART
14 VANDRIES
9 CURNOCK
10 BELL (C)
11 TURNER

SUBS;
DOUGLAS, WORLOCK, FARR, LANG, TODD

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IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT THE BRAND-NEW 'GAS GIRLS' BUCKET HATS WERE EXTREMELY POPULAR LAST WEEK.

WE'VE NEARLY SOLD OUT OUR FIRST BATCH, THAT WAS KINDLY DONATED BY JOHN KAYES AND THE TOTE END OLD BOY'S!

WE WILL BE GETTING MORE DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND SO WATCH THIS SPACE!

WE'LL ALSO HAVE MORE NEWS ABOUT HOW CAN ORDER YOUR 'GAS GIRLS' MERCHANDISE SOON!

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BRISTOL ROVERS FC 1883 COMMUNITY TRUST

WHO WILL BE CROWNED AS BRISTOL ROVERS QUIZ CHAMPIONS!?

WATCHING THE 'GAS GIRLS'

If you're new to watching the 'Gas Girls' and you want to be a part of our exciting journey, then we hope that thIs information will help!

Where do the 'Gas Girls' play their home matches?
Bristol Rovers Women's play at the Lockleaze Sports Centre, Bonnington Walk, Lockleaze, Bristol, BS7 9XF. The £6m facility was built in 2018 and boasts a UEFA standard 4G pitch, where the 'Gas Girls' train and play every week.

How do I get there?
Lockleaze Sports Centre is easily accessible by car, bus and train.

By Car: LSC can be accessed by leaving Station Road (A4174) onto Filton Avenue. Once you reach the crossroads with the Tesco Express on your right hand side, turn left onto Bridge Walk. Keep following this road until you pass see the sign for LSC on the left hand side.

By Bus: There are stops that are situated on Filton Avenue which are a ten-minute walk from LSC, just off Toronto Road. Bus No. 70 & 73 pass the Toronto Road stops.

By Train: Filton Abbey Road is the nearest train station to LSC. Simply walk up the pathway next to the MOD building and you'll soon arrive at the LSC.

Do I pay for entry?
No. Entry to 'Gas Girls' matches are free. We recommend that spectators register beforehand. This gives the staff at Lockleaze a better understanding of what numbers they can expect.

Can I buy refreshments?
Yes. Lockleaze Sports Centre has a bar serving beer, soft drinks and snacks. There's also a fully functional kitchen that will be serving food throughout the day.

Where can I stand to watch the match?
Lockleaze Sports Centre has an open-air balcony and viewing platform that gives you an excellent view which overlooks the pitch. Spectators can also gain viewing access from behind the fencing at pitch-side.

Can I purchase 'Gas Girls' merchandise?
We aim to have a small stall at Lockleaze Sports Centre, selling scarves, bucket hats, caps at £10 with badges and more to be a little bit cheaper.

Sometimes we may not be able to have a stall but if there's something you'd like to purchase, then get in touch with us!

Does Lockleaze Sports Centre have disabled facilities?
Yes, LSC has a lift for those with mobility issues as well a disabled toilet and access to the viewing balcony to watch the match.

Can I bring my grassroots club to be guests at a 'Gas Girls' match-day?
Absolutely! We want to ensure that all junior girls clubs have a fantastic experience with us. Players get to meet the players, get some free goodies, have a kick-about on the pitch before the match and be the guard of honour as the players walk out. We have some clubs already booked in, so email us today and we can arrange a suitable date for you. We don't charge a single penny either!

Where can I find a fixture list?
You can find a fixture list on our website and in the programme. You can also find a list on the League's Full-Time website. Just search South West Regional Women's League on Google.

Can I bring my Bristol Rovers flag to a match?
We;ve been asked this a bit more this season and of course. We are striving for the best atmosphere possible at a 'Gas Girl's and you're welcome to bring your flags.

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INTERVIEW

KATIE RAWLINGS

"IT'S AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE BEING A PART OF THIS CLUB AND I COULDN'T BE PROUDER"

Since our very first Open Trial in 2019, Katie Rawlings has been involved in the 'Gas Girls' setup. From making her senior debut at the age of sixteen, to winning the 'Players' Player of the Season' Award for our first-team last summer, 'Rocky' continues to progress as one of the club's youngest players and an important part of the 'Gas Girls' squad. We spoke to Katie ahead of Sunday's match.

Katie, let's get one thing out of the way first. Your nickname in the squad is 'Rocky'. Care to explain?

Yeah, the 'Rocky' nickname came before one of our friendlies last season. Some of the girls mentioned that I had all this energy, aggression and strength that came out of nowhere and I haven't really looked back. One of the girls just said the name 'Rocky Rawlings' I think, and it's just kind of stuck from there. I quite like it actually and it makes us laugh anyway.

You're heading into your fourth season with the 'Gas Girls' and you've certainly found your role as a holding midfielder. How have you developed over the last 4 years to cement that position?

I feel like I've massively developed as a player since I've been at Rovers. I look back at where I was when I was sixteen, playing junior football and then stepping into a competitive first-team environment has only helped me, and I feel as though I've come on leaps and bounds during that time. I think that now I've become more comfortable in that position, I've really to enjoyed it. Whether it's reading the game, pressing, sitting back, it's nice to continue working on that position, as well as my technical attributes.

From someone who's seen your progress over the last few years, your confidence has certainly improved during that time. Would you agree and if so, how do you think that's come about?

Definitely. My confidence really has improved. Being around a team that have faith in your abilities is massive for me and hearing the encouragement that I get from the girls when I'm playing is really helpful. It keeps pushing me to be the best that I can be and all I've wanted, is to be the best version of myself. I want to challenge myself, improve my game and continue to

learn. It's crazy to think about that quiet sixteen-year-old who joined the club back in 2019 and how things have changed during the last few years.

We've all seen a big increase in interest for the Women's game, and the 'Gas Girls' too. Are you excited about the future of the game and the club?

I'm really excited to see where the women's game is going to go. Since we've been watching the Euro's, it's been amazing to see the number of young girls who want to support and play the game themselves. It's also been amazing to see the amount of fans that are interested in the 'Gas Girls' too. I think that the 'Gas Girls' can be a big, influential name for young girls within Bristol as the game and the club continues to grow. Having some of the junior clubs come to our matches as special guests is a great feeling, and it's heart-warming when we hear from parents that we are inspiring their girls to either start or continue playing football. All we want is to football and make our fans proud. To have that growing support is something special.

You've been involved in lots of our community initiatives over the years. Is that a big part of why the 'Gas Girls' is special to you?

Yes, getting involved in the community initiatives is a big part of why I wanted to sign for Rovers. It wasn't just because of the football, but also to see the club actively encouraging more participation for young girls, which makes it more special to me. I think that doing the community work during Covid was such a great experience, and I was also a part of the Bristol Rovers Community College programme which has seen a big increase in female students, so it's great to see that the club is pushing every aspect and not just the football. I think it proves that we really are more than just a football club.

Looking at this season, how has pre-season been and how have the new arrivals settled in?

Pre-Season has been very good. Everybody is looking strong. The intensity levels have been immense, and it's probably been one of the best pre-seasons we've had. We have great squad depth and the new girls have proven why they should be here.

The squad dynamic has improved and I think we're in a good place heading into the rest of the season. Everyone is enjoying each other's company, we have a great laugh and when it comes down to work, we all switch on and our application is always 100%. I'm really excited to be a part of this squad again.

Your still only 19. Where would you see yourself and the club in the years to come?

Yeah, I'm still only young and I think I just want to continue focusing on each training session and every game as it comes. I want to keep my standards as high as possible and keep learning. It's an incredible experience to be a part of this team and club and I couldn't be prouder. All I want to do is challenge myself and grow with the team and hopefully we will continue to progress.

'GAS GIRLS' MEDIA EVENING

Last week, we hosted our first 'Media Evening' at The Memorial Stadium, inviting sponsors and partners to come together with our squad, coaches and staff. Something that has been difficult to achieve due to the pandemic.

Everyone at Bristol Rovers Women's FC would like to thank Bristol Rovers Supporters Club, Lockleaze Sports Centre, Vision Sports Analysis, Ahimsa Yoga Bristol, We Are Not Architects, LCM Automotive and Her Game Too for their amazing support of what we do on and off the pitch. We'll certainly be making next year, bigger and better!

We also gave our camera to the girls to document everything behind the scene. Which could have gone horribly wrong. Here's what they shot!

SOUTH WEST REGIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION

FIXTURE LIST 2022/23

SEPTEMBER

SUN 4	ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT	6-4
SUN 11	POOLE TOWN	P-P
SUN 18	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	H
SUN 25	WARMINSTER TOWN	A

OCTOBER

SUN 9	ILMINSTER TOWN	H
SUN 16	LISKEARD ATHLETIC	A
SUN 23	BISHOPS LYDEARD	H
SUN 30	SHERBORNE TOWN	A

NOVEMBER

SUN 6	TORQUAY UNITED	A
SUN 13	TORQUAY UNITED	H
SUN 20	ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT	A
SUN 27	POOLE TOWN	H

DECEMBER

SUN 11	WARMINSTER TOWN	H
SUN 18	ILMINSTER TOWN	A

JANUARY

SUN 8	LISKEARD ATHLETIC	H
SUN 15	BISHOPS LYDEARD	A
SUN 22	SHERBORNE TOWN	H

MARCH

SUN 12	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	A

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